

ORDINANCE NO 2018-7

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE
200 065 (TRIM BILL), PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS the Village Manager presented to the Village Council a 'Tentative General Fund Operating Budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1 2018 and the Village Council scheduled the public hearing required by Section 200 065(2)(c) of the Florida Statutes to be held on September 11 2018 at 6 00 p m and

WHEREAS the Property Appraiser has properly noticed the public hearing scheduled for September 11 2018 at 6 00 p m in the Council Chamber located at 560 Crandon Boulevard Key Biscayne Florida as required by Chapter 200 of the Florida Statutes and

WHEREAS said public hearing as required by Section 200 065 (2)(c) was held by the Village Council on September 11 2018 commencing at 6 00 p m as previously noticed and the public and all interested parties having had an opportunity to address their comments to the Village Council and the Village Council having had an opportunity to amend the tentative budget as it deemed appropriate and having considered the comments of the public regarding the tentative budget and having complied with the "TRIM requirements of the Florida Statutes and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 200 065(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes a final public hearing to adopt the budgets for the fiscal year commencing on October 1 2018 through September 30 2019 was held as advertised on Tuesday September 11 2018 at 6 00 p m in the Council Chamber located at 560 Crandon Boulevard Key Biscayne Florida and the Council considered comments from the public

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF KEY
BISCAYNE, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Upon prior adoption of the final millage rate, which is hereby ratified, the attached budgets of the Village of Key Biscayne for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2018, are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption on second reading and shall be applicable from and after October 1, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the first reading this 11th day of September, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the second reading this 25th day of September, 2018.


MAYOR MAYRA PEÑA LINDSAY

ATTEST:


JENNIFER MEDINA, CMC,
VILLAGE CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Cuban scientists cast doubt on theory that mystery weapon harmed U.S. personnel

BY MIMI WHITFIELD
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WASHINGTON

Cuban scientific investigators visiting Washington to meet with State Department officials, scientists, and members of Congress have challenged whether 26 diplomats at the U.S. Embassy in Havana suffered brain injuries and were deliberately attacked.

But does that mean they think nothing happened and the diplomats didn't suffer ailments?

"We don't doubt that the diplomats were sick. As a doctor I would never deny that these people were feeling ill," Dr. Mitchell Joseph Valdes Sosa, who heads the Neurological Center of Cuba, said at a Thursday night news conference at the Cuban Embassy after a day of meetings.

But he said there could be many reasons for their symptoms, including pre-existing conditions, psychological factors, and other underlying causes that need more study before they can be eliminated. Cuban scientists, he said, have seen no credible evidence from the scarce information shared with them that some mysterious high-tech weapon was used against the diplomats.

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In late November 2016, some diplomats assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Havana began to complain of dizziness, headaches, ringing in the ears, loss of balance, fatigue, cognitive problems and in the most acute cases, hearing loss. The symptoms were often associated with a shrill sound that seemed to be directional.

University of Pennsylvania doctors and scientists who saw the diplomats and affected family members concluded that the diplomatic personnel suffered a new neurological syndrome that could cause brain damage without a blow to the head.

But the Cuban scientists said many of the diplomats' symptoms could also be caused by functional disorders such as hypertension and stress.

"The neuro-psychological tests, considered to be more objective, were assessed with unusual criteria, which applied to a group of healthy individuals who would qualify all of them as ill," the delegation said in a statement. If internationally established criteria were applied, the statement said, "only two subjects could be considered afflicted."

Three diplomats seen by the University of Pennsylvania researchers showed hearing loss, but they could have had pre-existing conditions, the Cuban doctors said. There were no baseline studies of the patients to make comparisons.

A State Department spokesperson defended the U.S. studies Thursday evening: "These patients have undergone months of highly specialized medical testing. World-class brain injury

specialists and other scientists at the University of Pennsylvania, the National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continue to examine the medical data to gain a better understanding of the patients' symptoms.

The meetings came at a time when some in the U.S. government believe that Cuba is not sharing all it knows about what the State Department has deemed "when Cuba and U.S. scientists meet there is only one language: Science."

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After the meeting at the National Academy of Sciences, José Ramón Cabañas, the Cuban ambassador to the United States, tweeted "When Cuba and U.S. scientists meet there is only one language: Science."

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the conclusion that there was widespread brain damage."

University of Pennsylvania doctors and scientists who saw 21 of the confirmed cases, on an average of 203 days after the alleged attacks occurred, said some suffered from concussion-like symptoms, but without experiencing any blow to their heads.

The Cuban delegation said they had hoped that the Penn scientists would be present at the State Department meeting so they could have had an exchange about their findings.

Researchers and doctors at the University of Miami and University of Pittsburgh also disputed whether the diplomats had mild traumatic brain injuries. The 25 patients who were seen in Miami had a low incidence of headaches. A high incidence of headaches usually accompanies a concussion, they said.

They theorized that some type of directed energy weapon could have caused the symptoms.

"Before we start looking for a James Bond-type weapon," it's necessary to prove there was actually brain damage, said Valdes Sosa.

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Cuba's new president is expected to attend U.N. meeting in N.Y.

Cuba's recently appointed president, Miguel Díaz-Canel, is expected to lead the island's delegation to the United Nations' General Assembly, which is scheduled for the end of the month in New York.

The visit has not yet been officially announced, but Cuba's ambassador in Washington confirmed Díaz-Canel is coming to the U.S.

His public schedule will not be released at this point due to security reasons, Ambassador José Ramón Cabañas added.

According to several sources who requested anonymity so they could speak about the trip, Díaz-Canel is likely to meet with American business leaders and members of the Cuban-American community.

The meeting with Cuban Americans will take place on Sept. 28 at the U.N.'s Cuba mission in New York. Díaz-Canel is not named in the invitation but there is a reference to a "high-level delegation," according to one of the invited guests. A meeting also is scheduled with members of the U.S. agricultural and travel industries.

The Cuban president is announced as a speaker at an event organized by Pastors for Peace to be held on Sept. 26 at the Riverside Church in Manhattan, the organization announced on its Twitter account and one of its members confirmed to el Nuevo Herald.

This would be Díaz-Canel's first trip to the United States since he was named as Raúl Castro's successor and took office as president of the Council of State and Ministers in April.

—NORA GÁMEZ TORRES



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Jennifer Medina, CMC
Village Clerk

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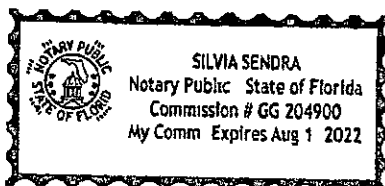
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My Commission

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patients' families as often as needed, and taking every chance to educate the public. "The community started seeing the value in our work."

A world-class department

That momentum continued, and the recognition grew to a national level. Gilbert led a process to earn international accreditation, an elite honor the department maintains today.

He also got involved with Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Taskforce, a multiagency group that responds to disasters the world over. "It was the beginning of establishing ourselves to do some of the most difficult work in the fire service that I have ever been part of," Gilbert said.

Never was that more poignant than on September 11, 2001.

He knew as soon as the second tower fell that he and other members of the USAR team would be dispatched, and quickly.

And soon, Gilbert learned he would not only send five of his 30-person department, he would be taskforce leader for a crew of over 70. Originally, they were sent to the Pentagon, then called to replace a team at Ground Zero. They would spend over 20 days there helping with rescue and recovery.

"I was humbled, but scared a little bit — this crew and this response were mine," Gilbert said. "It was a big moment for me, and

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— John Gilbert

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A new opportunity

Over the years, Gilbert continued building the fire department's stellar reputation and also took on extra duties. When former Police Chief Michael Flaherty retired, he led a combined police-fire public safety unit. During a transition for Public Works, he was acting director. And, when Chip Iglesias resigned as Manager, Gilbert was named interim during the search for a successor.

While he notes, "I didn't set out to become Village Manager," he was encouraged by colleagues to apply, and was the Village Council's pick, starting the job in 2011.

He brought his own style, which quickly drew attention from late Council member Jim Taintor.

"After a meeting, Jim showed me a piece of paper and said, 'This is

the number of times you spoke, and there's a zero!'" Gilbert recalls. "I told him, 'It's not my meeting, it's your meeting.' The Manager is not there to pontificate, but to provide information."

And to implement policy: Gilbert left each meeting with a pad of paper filled with directives. His philosophy was simple: Listen to the Council and work with staff to carry out its will. "I still believe in that," he said. "The policy-makers should feel comfortable giving direction and having the expectation that their wishes will be carried out."

While there were frustrations — "You have to understand it's going to be discussed on the dais, and then the next morning, it's going to be discussed again at the Oasis," Gilbert laughed — they were outweighed by the rewards of finishing projects like beach restoration, a dog park and pocket park, etc.; and by working with elected leaders who genuinely care about the community.

"In my heart I've always believed that to a person they have the community's best interest in mind. It may get frustrating at times, but I never looked at any one of them thinking this was motivated by a self-serving idea. It was never like that, and I hope it never is."

The next phase

Now, after spending the last six weeks of his career as an advisor to new Manager Andrea Agha, Gilbert says he's ready to pursue the interests he put on a back burner as work took precedence.

While he has hopes for the community to which he devoted over 25 years — he'd like to see decisions on projects like buried utilities and beach restoration — he said, "I've run the race. I'm convinced I have crossed the finish line. I'm not looking back. I want to try things that have been on my mind for years, and find that point where it's about less stress and more enjoyment."

That involves a move to Lake Tahoe, a place where he can enjoy all four seasons and "not get in my vehicle and feel like I just stepped into a 300-degree oven," and activities like sailing, diving, running and paddling. "I can't tell you why I didn't do those things here," Gilbert mused. "When I was here, my mind was here. When I'm there, my mind is there."

While he has family in South Florida, he's planning to bring his kids and grandkids out west over school vacations, and said he moves into the next phase of his life feeling fortunate all around.

"I have been very, very blessed both with my professional life and my private life," he said. "Because of the paths I took, it was very easy for me to say I didn't know what I wanted to be when I grew up. Am I a cop, or am I a firefighter? Am I a Village Manager or Public Safety Director? Now, I finally have an answer, even though it's taken me 46 years: I want to be retired."

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Key Biscayne Lions Club

Friday, September 28th, 2018

7:00 pm – Midnight

Key Biscayne Beach Club | 685 Ocean Drive

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